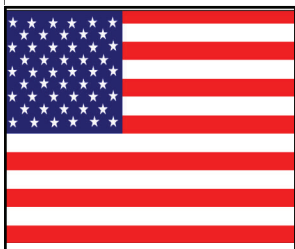


Dates for your Calendar

- ◆ November 15th - Time Management
- ◆ November 18th & December 7th Diabetes Sessions
- ◆ November 29th - Vatican Artifacts Tour & Reception
- ◆ December 2nd - Annual Business Luncheon
- ◆ December 15th - Legal Workshop
- ◆ 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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November 2010

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

Our Legislative Briefing gave us insight about the state's finances & the advocacy work for our region by Associate Member Barbara McNees (the Reception was engaging!)

Last month's PowerBreakfast exit surveys indicated that Sunil Wadhvani, Co-chairman of iGate Corp., gave a very candid & insightful presentation on the importance of strategic planning & the process of moving a company to the next level: it was powerful.

Thanks to Highmark for a fun networking mixer & for starting our biggest shopping season!

Time Management Workshop

November 15th

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Regional Enterprise Tower Fetterolf Room 23rd Floor

This box lunch program will include an overview, practical application, & techniques on how to better manage your time.

Development Workshops

Diabetes Sessions

November 18th and December 7th

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Regional Enterprise Tower Renner Room 23rd Floor

Complimentary Lunch For Members Only

You received the letter describing this exciting two-year project on the awareness, prevention, & treatment/management options for diabetes. We need you present for one or both of the lunch programs to review our plans & give your input. RSVP by November 16th.

Seasonal Celebration Vatican Splendors Heinz History Center

November 29, 2010

Tour 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Reception ; 5:00-7:30 PM

Campbell Room, 4th Fl

You may bring a guest to see this special exhibit. Don't forget: You must RSVP by the 21st; **the last day your Chamber can purchase tickets, then to our reception.**

Annual Business Luncheon

December 2nd

Omni William Penn Hotel 12:00 Noon

This year we welcome our new Presidential Roundtable Chairman, Gregory Babe, President & CEO, Bayer Material-Science, LLC as our guest speaker. Be there

A Discussion on Legal Issues by: Thomas VanKirk Chairman & Immediate Past CEO

Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney, PC.

December 15th

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Regional Enterprise Tower O'Neill Room

23rd Floor \$5 Members:

\$10 Non-Members

Our Associate Member will speak on a variety of topics including government relations, economic & community matters. Come armed with your questions concerning your business.

PowerBreakfast Meeting

January 21st - 7:30 AM

Rivers Club

Randy Dearth,

President and CEO

LANXESS Corporation

Our newest Corporate Sponsor will present LANXESS & their procurement opportunities.

Members Events

Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

Thru November 7th

'South Pacific'

Thanksgiving Day (25th)

'Rock of Ages'

Call the box office for tickets & 412-456-6666.

Light Up Night

November 19th & 20th

Now a two-day event with a parade on the 20th @ 5:00 PM.

**19th Annual
YWCA Racial
Justice Awards Dinner**

**November 17th
Westin Hotel**

**1000 Penn Avenue
Reception 5:30PM;
Program 6:30PM**

Associate Member Maggie Jensen looks forward to welcoming you to this annual recognition event. Call 412-255-1466 for details. In addition, stop at NATHAN's, a new entrepreneurial venture! NATHAN's is known for their hotdogs; open daily on Wood St.

**Workshop on getting
Certified & Contracting**

**December 8th
9 AM - 12 PM**

700 River Avenue

This workshop is free & open to the public. Call 412-395-6560 X109 to register.

**Attention Attorneys
RFP's**

Allegheny County is inviting sealed proposals for comprehensive legal services for the county's Workers' Compensation program. The deadline is November 29th. Learn more @ www.county.allegheny.pa.us/bids/index.aspx or call Karen Womack @ 412-350-1053.

**Are You Ready To
Build Your Business?**

CMU's Alpha Lab provides funding, hands-on assistance & free office space as part of an intensive program in Pittsburgh. Learn more @ www.alphalab.org.

**Attention Small
Business Owners**

If your small business

uses 8109 coupons, the **IRS changes** go into effect **January 1, 2011.** To verify your taxes are paid, go to: www.irs.gov/efile/article/O..id=98005.00.html.

Did you know there is a new addition to the Cultural District called Cell Phone Disco? Located behind the Benedum Theater is a large mirror LED image that is activated by being on your cell phone when you walk by: try it!

The Port Authority will meet this month to vote on service cuts. If approved, the change in fares will take place Jan. 1st with service cuts taking place March 3rd.

Mayor Ravenstahl was successful in creating interest in Pittsburgh during his trip to China for the International Business Leaders Forum. With him were: Associate Members Dennis Yablonsky/Allegheny Conference & Jared Cohen/CMU.

**Full Steam Ahead For
Power of 32**

The organization now has the longest list of community conversations on the schedule since the July launch of the *Listening Phase* of Power of 32. Learn more @: www.powerof32.org

**Smart Brief on
Leadership**

Get this free daily newsletter for the business decision maker @ www.smartbrief.com/leadersip/?campaign=pagovconf

FY\$!

Find federal grant opportunities. Search by category or agency @ www.grants.gov/applicants

Congratulations

Member Eustace Uku/Exico celebrated 30 years in business; he was also recently awarded as one of the Top 100 Minority Business Enterprises on the east coast. **Member Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier** on receiving the Black MBA Legacy Award; **Member Cheryl McAbee/River Development Corp.** was chosen as the MBE Advocate of the Year" by the WPMSSDC; & **Vincent Johnson/PNC** received the Minority Business Advocate Award; **Corporate Sponsor Mona Generett/Dollar Bank** for her leadership with the Bakery Square Development Project; **Member Peggy Harris/Three Rivers Youth, Donna Baxter/Soul Pitt Media, & Dr. Curtiss Porter/Penn State Greater Allegheny** awarded the YWCA Racial Justice Award; **Chairman Circle Member Bob Agbede/Chester Engineers** on his new corporate headquarters in Moon Township. **Corporate Sponsor Ann McIntosh** on Nationwide's *On Your Side Tour* featuring Tavis Smiley.

**New Pittsburgh
Courier**

Members Esther Bush/Urban League @ the 2010 State of Black Pittsburgh; **Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier** awarded the NAACP PA Businessman of the Year award; **Member Cheryl McAbee** speaking @ the NAACP PA Convention; **Member M. Gayle Moss/**

NAACP @ the Decks Pinochle Club event. **Members Elise Yanders/Merrill Lynch & Members Esther Bush/Urban League** awarded the African American Alumni Council of Pitt Sankofa Award; **Supporting Member Mike Edwards** on the re-opening of Market Square. **Associate Member Joe McGrath** on the opening of the new Visitor's Center at Fifth Avenue Place.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Member Victor Diaz/Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on marketing the region to Hispanics, & **Supporting Member Jeffrey Letwin/Schnader Harris Segal & Lewis LLP** recognized in the 2011 edition of Best Lawyers in America.

Soul Pitt Quarterly

Members Jackie Dixon/Giant Eagle & Cecelia Jenkins/Pittsburgh Community Services on the magazine cover.

Whirl Magazine

Associate Member Sister Candace Introcaso/La Roche College @ the rededication of school's Wright Library.

Welcome New Members

Regular Members

Brandon Humphery
Halo Concierge Services

Darrin Moore, Sr.
Computer Protocol Controls, International

Associate Members

Carl Ellis Perkins
Bartko Foundation

**Have a Safe
Thanksgiving!**