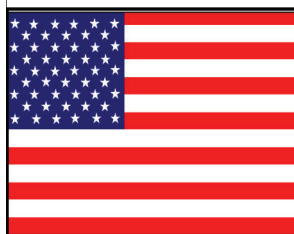


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MISSION STATEMENT

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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DORIS CARSON WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT AND CEO

January 2011

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

Happy New Year!

Kudos to our Associate Member Thomas VanKirk/Buchanan Ingersoll, & Rooney for the candid discussion on small business issues during our Legal Workshop: Great Q & A session!

PowerBreakfast Meeting January 21st - 7:30 AM

Randy Dearth

**President and CEO
LANXESS Corporation**

Come meet our newest Corporate Sponsor & hear his presentation on this chemical company & procurement opportunities. RSVP @ 412-392-0610.

Networking Mixer

January 27th

5 PM - 7 PM

Renewable

Manufacturing Gateway

Two Gateway Center

Suite 1825 - Downtown

Join us as Supporting Members Pete Dailey & Ty Gourley are our hosts & will introduce us to the team at RMG's facility. RSVP by the 25th.

Member's Orientation

February 4th

12:30 PM-1:30 PM

**Regional Enterprise
Tower- 23rd Floor**

R.A. Hunt Room

This 90 minute session is a must for new & existing members interested in understanding how the Chamber operates & accessing opportunities to advance your firm. RSVP by February 2nd.

PowerBreakfast Meeting February 18th 7:30 AM

Rivers Club

Kathryn Z. Klaber

**President and
Executive Director**

Marcellus Shale Coalition

Join us to learn more about their responsible development of natural gas, meet their procurement team, & learn how to do business with them. RSVP @ 412-392-0610.

Annual

Ice Skating Party

February 26th

1 PM - 3 PM

PPG Ice Skating Rink

Come & celebrate

our 10th year for the Annual Ice Skating Party. Bring the whole family for two hours of fun: your first cup of hot chocolate is on the Chamber!

PowerBreakfast Meeting

March 25th 7:30 AM

**Dr. Linda Lane,
Superintendent**

Pittsburgh Public Schools

Come meet our new Superintendent & hear her vision for improving public education. RSVP by March 23rd.

Diabetes:

Self-Management of Your Chronic Disease

Your Chamber will be sending you information about the first in a series of workshops over the next two years on the awareness, prevention & treatment/management options of this silent killer. This demonstration project will be open to all diverse groups: Diabetes can impact all business owners, & their healthcare cost. Watch for details on this exciting project.

Your Chamber's website received **29,240** hits during 2010.

Save the Date

Boyz II Men June 23rd

The Pittsburgh

Symphony Orchestra's Community Partners' Program will present this special performance. Watch for details & how you can help your Chamber by attending.

Members Events

**Martin Luther King, Jr.
Annual Unity Breakfast**

January 17th

**La Roche College
Zappala Center**

9000 Babcock Blvd.

Guest Speaker
Larry E. Davis, Ph.D.
Dean, University, of
Pittsburgh Graduate
School of Social Work,
Register by January
10th @ 412-255-1466.

Literary Healing 2011**"How Are The
Children?"**

**Beginning January 15th
Carnegie Library in
Homewood
Presented by the
United Black Book
Clubs of Pittsburgh**

For more information
call 412-731-3080.

February 10th**Introducing the SCORE
& Chamber Partnership**

11:30 AM—1:30 PM

**Regional Enterprise
Tower—23rd Floor**

This special luncheon
program will introduce
you to our exciting part-
nership to provide you
an expanded level of
services including a Men-
tor program. RSVP by
February 8th.

**Apprenticeship &
Training Program**

The Western PA
Operating Engineers
Joint Apprenticeship &
Training & Mechanic
Technicians Programs
will be accepting applica-
tions. Minority &
Female applicants are
urged to apply. Appren-
tices will be paid while
they learn on the job.
Applications available
from January 17th thru
January 28th. For the
nearest office call 724-
668-2244, or download
the application at:
www.wpaoperators.org

**January 25th
Western Pennsylvania
Diversity Initiative
Presents****Riveting Diversity**

Breakfast - 8 AM
Program 9AM-10:30AM
City County Bldg., #920
414 Grant St.. Register @
www.wpdiversity.org

**March 16th
Contractor & Supplier
Training**

No registration fee.
West Virginia University
Purchasing Contracts &
Payment Services will hold
a Contractor Training
Seminar, geared for suppli-
ers & small contractors. For
more information call:
1-304-293-0372.

New Tax Credit

Your small business
could qualify for a new tax
credit. Find out more @
www.irs.gov.

Allegheny County

To apply for certifica-
tion, search commodity
contracts, view open bids
& proposals, or register as
a new supplier, Go to:
www.alleghenycounty.us/businesses.aspx

**Help from
Senator Casey**

Senator Bob Casey has
introduced 2 new bills
aimed @ helping women
& minority owned firms
Learn more @ <http://casey.senate.gov>. Click on
press releases.

SBA**New Loan Programs**

The SBA is rolling out
2 new programs aimed at
increasing the flow of
credit to businesses in low
-income areas, as well as
minorities & women. Each
program features a stream-
lined process for loan ap-
plication up to \$250,000 thru

their 7(a) program. The
programs should be run-
ning by March 15, 2011.
For info contact the SBA
@ 412-395-6560.

**Pennsylvania
Open For Business**

Doing business in PA
is just a click away. Visit
Pennsylvania Open For
Business @:
www.paopenforbusiness.state.pa.us.

New Location

Associate Member
Elizabeth Bowers/ West-
ern Region Office of DGS
Bureau of Minority & Wo-
men Business Opportuni-
ties has moved to 301
Fifth Ave. Room. 280,
Pittsburgh, PA 15222.
Phone/fax/email remain
the same.

**Civic Light Opera
Assistant**

Business Manager
The Pittsburgh CLO is
seeking an Assistant
Business Manager for a
variety of accounting
activities. Associates
Degree in Accounting is
required. Candidates
should submit a resume
& cover letter to: James
Mercer, General Mgr,
Pittsburgh CLO, 719
Liberty Ave., Pgh., PA.
15222-3504.

**Find Garage Parking
Downtown - FAST**

You can now go online
to find available parking
spaces & rates (24/7) in
Downtown Pittsburgh.
Go to: www.parkpgh.org

New Café at The Point

Point State Park's first
ever café is expected to
open this Spring thanks
to support from PNC, &
RiverLife.

Congratulations

Member Floyd Cephas

on North Side Christian
Health Center (NSCHC)
on achieving the highest
level(3) recognition as a
Patient-Centered Medical
Home thru the National
Committee for Quality
Assurance. **Members** Bill
Strickland/Manchester
Bidwell, selected to serve
on the White House Coun-
cil on Community Solutions.
Associate Member Fulton
Meachem: during 2010,
40% of the City Housing
Authority's \$39M in con-
tracts were awarded to M/
WBE firms! **Associate
Member** Mark Lewis/Poise
on their 30th Anniversary
Celebration.

CNBC ranks Pittsburgh
#1 for relocating based on
low crime rates, number of
colleges, healthcare, art
venues, affordability and
low unemployment.

New Pittsburgh Courier

Members Mark Lewis/
Poise @ the Poise 30th
Anniversary Celebration
@ August Wilson Center;
Esther Bush/Urban
League at the Urban
League's Ron H. Brown
Leadership Awards Gala;
Mona Generett/Dollar
Bank, guest speaker @
Chatham University
Center for Women's
Entrepreneurship Women
Business Leaders
Breakfast, & Rod Doss/
New Pittsburgh Courier,
featured in the Centennial
Edition 1910-2010 with
President Barack Obama.

Whirl

Presidential Roundtable
Members Jay Ferguson/
Fifth Third Bank attending
the Pirate's 1960 Victory
Gala, Dr. Ken Melani
attending the Big Brothers
Big Sisters Corporate
Roast.