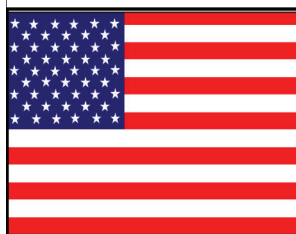


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MISSION STATEMENT

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

March 2011

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

Spring arrives March 20th

Member Stephen Cohen & his SCORE team gave a thorough presentation on their various programs & their one-on-one mentor program.

Guest Speaker Kathryn Klaber gave a detailed presentation on the Marcellus Shale Coalition, the project, economic impact, & potential opportunities for small businesses on our region. The coalition's procurement manager, Doug Matthews/US Steel, agreed to schedule a capabilities session for Chamber Members.

Thanks to Member Raymond Vargo/Pitt's Small Business Development Center for the comprehensive presentation on developing a business plan: everyone enjoyed it!

Diabetes:

The Silent Killer

March 10th, 3- 4:30 PM
Manchester Bidwell
1815 Metropolitan St.
North Side

This is the first in our series of workshops on the awareness, prevention, treatment, & management, of this disease. This demonstration project is **free** &

open to everyone looking to impact their healthcare cost, including business owners.

How To Do Business

With CCAC

March 11th

3 PM - 4:30 PM

North Campus

Byers Hall

Join CCAC President Dr. Alex Johnson for this special meeting with you, Chamber Members, who are interested in submitting bids for their new K. Leroy Irvis Science & Technology Center. RSVP by March 9th.

Small Business Tax

Workshop

March 15th

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

425 Sixth Ave.

Regional Enterprise

Tower - 23rd Floor

O'Neill Room

Presenter Larry Blair of Metz Lewis LLC, will respond to your list of tax questions submitted on issues affecting small businesses & the self employed. RSVP by March 11th.

PowerBreakfast Meeting

March 25th 7:30 AM

(the 4th Friday)

Rivers Club

One Oxford Center

Dr. Linda Lane

Superintendent

Pittsburgh

Public Schools

Join us to welcome Dr. Linda Lane, new Superintendent of Pittsburgh Public Schools. Learn about her plans & what changes we can expect. RSVP by March 23rd.

Networking Mixer

March 28th

5 PM - 7 PM

Citizens Bank

525 William Penn Place
Downtown

Hosts Members Ralph Papa & Scott Brown look forward to a fun mixer at Citizen's Headquarters. RSVP by March 25th.

Social Media

Workshop

April 12th

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

425 Sixth Ave.

Regional Enterprise

Tower - 23rd Floor

O'Neill Room

Ian Rosenberg will return to demonstrate the use of Facebook, LinkedIn, & Twitter for small businesses. Be there!

PowerBreakfast Meeting

April 15th 7:30 AM

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EQT Corporation

The procurement team at EQT will discuss their

involvement with the Marcellus Shale project & possible business opportunities.

Networking Mixer

April 19th

5 PM - 7 PM

**The New Savoy
Restaurant & Lounge
2623 Penn Ave.**

Join Member Chuck Sanders as he welcomes us to his establishment for two hours of networking and fun.

Candidates' Forum

May 2nd, 5 PM - 7 PM

Rivers Club

One Oxford Center

The candidates for Allegheny County Chief Executive & Allegheny County Controller have all received letters inviting them to present their platforms & respond to your questions for the upcoming election. Our Member Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier will serve as facilitator for this public forum. Plan to be there!

Annual Meeting

& Luncheon

Friday, May 13th

Annual Meeting 11:00

Luncheon: 12 Noon

Dr. Jared Cohon, President Carnegie Mellon University will serve as our luncheon speaker. Your invitation will be mailed the end of March.

Pittsburgh

**Symphony Orchestra
& Community Partners**

Present

Boyz II Men

June 23rd - 7:30 PM

Heinz Hall

Your Chamber is once again a Community Partner that can benefit from ticket purchases.

Call 412-392-4900 & give code number **23846**. This should be a great concert!

Members Events

Epilepsy Foundation

Western/Central

Pennsylvania

Mardi Gras Gala

Fat Tuesday

March 8th 6:30 PM

**Westin Convention Center
Hotel**

This year's King and Queen being honored are Dr. Freddie & Mrs. Hilda Pang Fu. For tickets in call 800-361-5885.

Town Hall Meeting

March 11th - 7 PM

August Wilson Center

890 Liberty Ave.

Join Talk Show Host Bev Smith for this live broadcast, the 2nd of a 4 part series. Free tickets are available at the box office. Limit 2 per person.

NEED Benefit Dinner

March 14th

5 PM - 8 PM

**Wyndham Grand Hotel
Derrius Quarles, Student
Morehouse University**

For more information call 412-566-2760.

Contractor & Supplier

Training

March 17th

West Virginia University Purchasing, Contracts & Payment Services will hold a Contractor Training Seminar & small contractors & suppliers are asked to attend. **No registration fee.** Register @ 304-293-0372.

Fifth Annual

"Tribute" Concert

A Symphonic

Celebration of African

American Culture

March 18th - 7:30 PM

Heinz Hall

Presented by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra & featuring world renowned soprano Angela Brown. For tickets call 412-392-4900.

Women's History Month

Carlow University,

Featuring Advocate

Kemba Smith Pradia

March 22nd

7 PM - 9 PM

Kresge Theatre

For more information contact Barbara Johnson @ 412-578-6021.

Small Business

Women & Minority

Business Expo

March 23rd

9 AM - 4 PM

State Farm

Show Complex

2301 N. Cameron St.

Harrisburg, PA

Register @: www.dgs.state.pa.us/bcabd

VisitPittsburgh

Annual Meeting

March 24th - 7:30 AM

CONSOL Energy Center

1001 Fifth Ave.

Join Member Joe McGrath & his team for breakfast & a look back on 2010. For tickets call 412-281-7711.

SBA Federal

Contracting Workshop

March 30th

9 AM - 12 PM

**700 River Ave., 1st Floor
Northside**

This workshop is **free** to the public. MBE/WBE & Veteran-owned businesses are encouraged to attend. Register at 412-395-6560 ext. 109.

What's In Store

Check out what's in store for Pittsburgh's Riverfronts. Go to: www.riverlife.org. Click *Riverfront Projects*.

Congratulations

Member Rod Doss on the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the New Pittsburgh Courier. **Members Bill Strickland/Manchester Bidwell**, honored by Pittsburgh City Council for his work with children; & **Rod Doss/Pittsburgh Courier & Associate Steve Bland/Port Authority** on co-hosting a successful Spirit of King Award Ceremony. **Associate Member Jan Glick/Big Brothers Big Sisters** on their Big of the Year in PA Award Program. **Rev. Dr. W. Wilson Goode, Sr.**, former Mayor of Philadelphia & U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Education, was the guest speaker.

New Pittsburgh Courier

Presidential Roundtable

Member Jay Ferguson on his reception honoring the promotion of Chamber Board Member **Jady Grandy**. Pictured were member **Greg Spencer**. **Member State Rep. Joe Preston**, supporting the new vision plan for the Larimer area. **Member Rod Doss** on the Courier Documentary, 'The Newspaper of Record', held at Point Park University.

Talk Magazine

Members Mark Lewis/Poise Foundation-Cover Story; **Dr. Curtiss Porter/Penn State**; & **Dr. Rhonda Johnson/Highmark**.

New Members

Regular Members

Dr. Gayle Edwards

**Urban League of Greater
Pittsburgh Charter School**

Ida Jones

Ida's Day Care