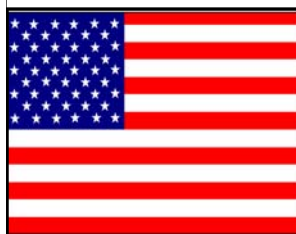


Dates for your Calendar

- ◆ April 12th Social Media Workshop
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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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This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for members, supporters, & sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of W. Pa.

Your Chamber has moved up to **#10** of the 25 largest Pittsburgh-area Chambers of Commerce in the Pittsburgh Business Times, thanks to you, our members!

Fulfilling our role on sustainability, we will begin to test sending you the program announcements via email for your response. You will also be able to access our Annual Report online in May. Both will help on reducing paper & cost to the organization. Let's work on it together.

Kudos to our panelists Dr. Rhonda Johnson/Highmark, Dr. Calvin Johnson/former Secretary of Health for PA ; Terri Seidman, American Diabetes Association, & Otis L. Story, Sr., FACHE for a wealth of information at the 1st workshop on the awareness, prevention, & impact diabetes has on business. Next Workshop will be June 29th when you will have an opportunity to be tested. Details to follow.

The special meeting for Members interested in submitting bids for CCAC's K. Leroy Irvis

Science & Technology Center was productive. The recent award was made to The Brinker Group as Prime!

Attorney Larry Blair of Metz Lewis LLC, held a great one on one review & presentation @ our Tax Workshop: It was rated as excellent!

Thank you to Dr. Linda Lane, Superintendent, PPS, our guest speaker at the PowerBreakfast Meeting.

Thanks to Presidential Roundtable Members Ralph Papa & Scott Brown/Citizens Bank, our hosts for a fun mixer. The Citizens' welcoming party & the refreshments were great.

Social Media Workshop

April 12th

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

425 Sixth Ave.

**Regional Enterprise Tower - 23rd Floor
O'Neill Room**

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

PowerBreakfast Meeting

April 15th 7:30 AM

**Rivers Club
One Oxford Center**

EQT Corporation

Members of EQT's procurement team 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.**

**Sponsored by:
Donate Life**

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

Candidates' Forum

May 9th, 4:30PM - 7PM

Rivers Club

One Oxford Center

The candidates for Allegheny County Chief Executive & Allegheny County Controller have all received invitations to present their platform & respond to your questions. Member Rod Doss /New Pittsburgh Courier will facilitate this free public forum. Plan to be there!.

Annual Meeting & Luncheon

Friday, May 13th

**Omni William Penn Hotel
Annual Meeting 11:00
Luncheon: 12 Noon**

**Sponsored by:
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**Dr. Jared Cohon,
President, Carnegie**

Mellon University will be our luncheon speaker.

**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 will benefit from ticket purchases. Call 412-392-4900 & give code number **23846**. Tickets are selling quickly: should be a great concert!

Members Events

**April 7th - 8:15AM
Globalization & The
Transformation of the
Labor Market
Presented by Vibrant
Pittsburgh & The
World Affairs Council
Rivers Club**

Guest Speaker:
Dr. Guy Standing
University of Bath, UK
For details, call 412-295-9500

**PACE's 3rd Annual
Inclusive Voices**

**April 8th
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Omni William Penn
Hotel**
Call Member Lucille Dabney for more info, at 412-553-5726.

**April 13th - 11:00 AM
Pathfinders 2011**

**BNY Mellon
Youth Workforce
Development Conference
Marriott City Center
112 Washington Place
Uptown**

Presented by YouthWorks & UYA. call 412-632-1742 for details.

**April 25th 11:00 AM
Living Legend Honors
Luncheon & Inclusion**

Series 2011

Duquesne University
Power Center - Grand
Ballroom, 1015 Forbes
Ave.

Presented by the City of Pgh. Call 412-255-2705 for more information.

April 28th

**National Kidney
Foundation**

**Monopoly Tournament
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

U.S. Steel Tower Lobby
For ticket & sponsor info call 412-261-4115.

NAACP

Human Rights Dinner

May 5th

**Omni William Penn Hotel
Downtown**

Join Member Gail Moss for the 57th Annual Event: 'Transforming Education in Pursuit of a Stronger America'. For details, call 412-471-1024.

May 19th-5:30 PM

**Adagio Health
Celebrating 40 Years**

**Rodef Shalom
4905 5th Ave.-Oakland
Keynote Speaker:
Victoria Kennedy**

Sign up for your invitation @ : www.adagiohealth.org

June 5th, Noon- 8 PM

**Pittsburgh Cultural
Trust Presents
Showcase Noir
Byham Theater**

This will Feature regional African American artists: go to education@pgharts.org.

SCORE

Use your \$30 Discount upon on a Small Business Basics Workshop. Find out more by calling 412-392-0610.

New Address

Member Aradhna Dhandu & Leadership Pittsburgh have a new location: Henry W. Oliver Building 535 Smithfield St.

Suite 1125
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
412-392-4505 (same).

We all mourn the loss of noted Civil Rights & Labor Activist
NATE SMITH

Congratulations

Members Esther Bush/Urban League on Urban League Sunday; Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier on their Centennial Anniversary Gala; Keith Key/KBK Foundation on the 1st free computers for Garfield Commons residents- Chuck Sanders on the Savoy Restaurant & Lounge opening; Chuck Powell/URA recipient of the MWDBE Hall of Fame honor: & Audric Dodds/EQT & Frederick Douglas/Cosmos Technologies awarded as presenters. Victor Roque/Hill House on the John Legend Concert; Associate Members Lisa Schroeder/Riverlife, as one of the Pittsburgh. Business Times 2011 Women in Business Award; Jessica Schmidt/Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra on the Symphonic Celebration of African American Culture Concert; Board Member Bridgette Driver Cofield/FEDEX Ground on her recent marriage.

New Pittsburgh Courier

Your Chamber's Power-Breakfast Meeting with guest speaker Dr. Linda Lane, Superintendent, PPS; Members Sam Stephenson/Parente Beard, Frank Torbert/FLT Trading, Ralph Papa/Citizens Bank, &

Robert Hill & Dr. Larry Davis, University of Pitt @ the Courier's Centennial Gala; Dr. Dara Ware Allen @ the PA Budget-watch Series; Chuck Sanders on Giving Back; Errolene Williams/Duquesne Univ., Bernadette Turner/Addison Behavioral Care, & Robert Hill/Univ. of Pgh @ the PA Black Conference on Higher Education Plenary Session; Member Gayle Moss/NAACP @ the World Day of Prayer; Jay Ferguson/5th Third Bank, Chuck Sanders/Urban Settlement Services & Greg Spencer/Randall Industries @ the Hill House's John Legend Concert; Rod Doss @ the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary awards dinner; Sylvester Pace/NEED, Dr. Alex Johnson/CCAC & Candi Castleberry-Singleton/Univ. of Pgh. @ NEED's annual dinner; Rep. Jake Wheatley @ the Minority, Women's, Disadvantaged Business Lobby Day in Harrisburg.

Whirl Magazine

Members Scott Brown/Citizens, Rod Doss/Courier & Jay Ferguson/5th Third @ the Pittsburgh Courier Centennial Gala & Eustace Uku/EXICO @ The Pittsburgh Heart Ball.

New Members

**Regular Members
Larissa Pettenati
Sprint**

**Associate Members
Robert Schaub
Federal Reserve
Bank of Cleveland
Pittsburgh Branch**

**Mark your calendars now
for the Annual Meeting &
Luncheon May 13th!**