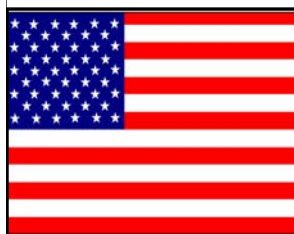


Dates for your Calendar

Annual Meeting & Luncheon Tomorrow

- ♦ May 26 Networking Mixer@ Larrimor's
- ♦ June 14th Social Media Workshop
- ♦ June 17 Steve Bland to speak
- ♦ June 23 Boyz II Men
- ♦ June 29th Diabetes: The Silent Killer
- ♦ 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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May 2011

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

May 17th is the Primary Election. Don't forget to vote!.

Our Social Media Workshop with Strategic Images put in perspective the different systems & their appropriate use. On **June 14th** will be a workshop for Members Only so bring your laptop to do an actual installation for your firm. RSVP by June 10th.

EQT's Cliff Baker & Audric Dodds gave a strong overview about EQT's role in the Marcellus Shale Project to our members & guests during our PowerBreakfast meeting. The meeting drew guests from inside & outside our region.

Thanks & congrats to Member Chuck Sanders & staff at the beautiful new Savoy Restaurant & Lounge - *now open for business*. We had a great Networking Mixer.

Thanks to members Frank Polito/Comcast, our sponsor, & Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier our facilitator for the Candidates' Forum. Candidates for Allegheny County Chief Executive & Control-

ler shared their platforms & took questions from our members & guests.

Annual Meeting & Luncheon

Friday, May 13th

Omni William Penn Hotel

Annual Meeting: 11:00

Luncheon: 12 Noon

Sponsored by:

Donate Life Pennsylvania

We're looking forward to seeing you at the meeting & luncheon. Our guest speaker will be Carnegie Mellon University's President, Dr. Jared Cohon.

Networking Mixer

May 26th, 5 PM - 7PM

Larrimor's, PNC Plaza

249 Fifth Ave.

Manager Tom Michaels will host a *New Orleans Gumbo* themed mixer while you network, eat & shop.

Social Media Workshop

June 14th

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Regional Enterprise Tower

Cost: \$20.00

Boxed Lunch Included.

Members Only

Back by popular demand, the team from Strategic Images will conduct an interactive workshop on using Facebook, Twitter

& LinkedIn for business. **Bring your laptops!**

PowerBreakfast Meeting

June 17th, 7:30 AM

Rivers Club, Downtown

Guest Speaker

Stephen Bland, CEO

Port Authority Transit

Join us as we welcome Associate Member Stephen Bland who will discuss PAT's changes, and future plans. RSVP @ 412-392-0610.

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 going quickly. This should be a great concert!

Diabetes: The Silent Killer-Self Management of a Chronic Disease

Workshop II

June 29th

Allegheny General Hospital-Free Parking

Join us for our next workshop in the series on the awareness, prevention, & the impact the disease can have on you personally, & your firm. business. You can

receive free diabetes & blood pressure testing prior to our workshop, featuring Dr. Lenore T. Coleman, Noted African American Co-Author of the book: Healing Our Village: A Self-Care Guide To Diabetes Control; You must register to be tested prior to June 25th. For more info, call the office @ 412-392-0610.

Members Events

May is

Commute Options

Awareness Month

For more information on the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's Commute options, call 1-888-819-6110.

May 12th, 8 AM - 5 PM

Duquesne University

Small Business

Development Center

Entrepreneur's Growth

Conference

600 Forbes Ave

Register @ 412-396-1633.

May 13th - May 22nd

Great Outdoors Week

A 10 day celebration of the outdoors. Call Walls Are Bad at 412-258-6646.

May 18th

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Allstate Agency

Information Session

680 Andersen Dr., #220

Foster Plaza Building

Greentree

Learn about the Allstate Agency opportunity.

RSVP @ 412-919-8206.

May 19th 5:30 PM

Adagio Health

Celebrating 40 Years

Rodef Shalom

4905 5th Ave.-Oakland

Keynote Speaker:

Victoria Kennedy

Join our Associate Member Richard Baird for this exciting event.

Register @:

www.adagiohealth.org.

May 25th, 1:00 PM

SMC Golf Outing

Butler County Club

Join Associate Member Tom Henschke for the 1st of SMC Business Councils' 2011 golf outings. Call 412-342-1622.

May 27th

Noon-1:30 PM

Western Pennsylvania

Small Business Network

Small Business Awards

Luncheon & Trade Show

Sheraton Station Square

The Keynote Speaker this year is former Pittsburgh Steeler Andy Russell. Register @ www.allegheconference.org.

View Videos & Reports

One of the most successful conferences on race, *Race in American: Restructuring Inequality*, by the Univ. of Pitt School of Social Work's Center for Race & Social Problems: go to www.crsp.pitt.edu/.

PNC Park

Highmark Legacy Square

Tour the exhibit that honors the history of the Negro Baseball Leagues. Call 412-325-4731 for groups.

Hispanic Scholarships

The Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Foundation, thru NEED, is offering scholarships to students of Hispanic descent. Call 412-566-2760.

Congratulations

Member Dr. Edward James retiring after 52 years in medical practice; Associate Member Victor Roque/Hill House, on the ground breaking of the new Hill District Shop 'N Save; Member Floyd

Cephas/Northside Christian Health Center, developing a palliative care program with Bidwell Presbyterian Church; Member Gayle Moss/NAACP on a successful Human Rights Dinner; Member Lucille Dabney/PACE on a powerful Inclusive Voices Luncheon. Table hosts included Members Donna Baxter/Soul Pitt Media, Esther Bush/Urban League, Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier, Evan Frazier/Highmark, Andre Guess/August Wilson Center, Melanie Harrington/Vibrant Pittsburgh; Associate Members Rob Stephany/URA, & Lisa Schroeder-Riverlife; Presidential Roundtable Members Jay Ferguson/Fifth Third Bank, & Jim McDonald/BNY Mellon; Member Constance Horton/FAME on a successful 19TH Annual Luncheon; Associate Member Eric Mann/YMCA relocating to Florida; Member Frederick Douglas/Cosmos Technologies on a new Marcellus water treatment process;

New Pittsburgh Courier

Members EQT's Audric Dodds & Cliff Baker presenting @ last month's PowerBreakfast; Member Phyllis Comer/Comer Educational Services @ the BASH Luncheon; Member Chuck Sanders/Savoy Restaurant & Lounge featured in *Out & About*; Members Robert Chambers/Massaros, Tisha Germany/KBK Enterprises & Sonya Tilghman /5th Third Bank among the Courier's Fab 40; &

Russell Bynum/Bynum Marketing on the Professionalism & Decipleship of Truth ceremony. Member Dara Ware Allen/YouthWorks @ the Graduate Pittsburgh meeting.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Members Peggy Harris/Three Rivers Youth & Honoree Robert Hill, Univ. of Pitt @ Three Rivers Youth's Nellie Leadership Awards.

Whirl Magazine

Members Dr. Alex Johnson/CCAC, Evan Frazier/Highmark & Scott Lammie/UPMC @ the Fabric of our Community reception posthumously honoring Jesse Fife/Manchester Bidwell; Dr. Ken Melani/Highmark @ the American Red Cross Ball; Tom VanKirk/Buchanan Ingersoll @ The Event; Toni Silva Jeter/UPMC & Greg Spencer/Randall Industries @ the John Legend Benefit Concert.

Welcome New Members

Regular Members

Lisa Upsher

Donate Life Pennsylvania

Linda Brown

S&L Brown Enterprises

Cornelius (Neal) Holmes

Western Pennsylvania

Diversity Initiative

Kareem Jones

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