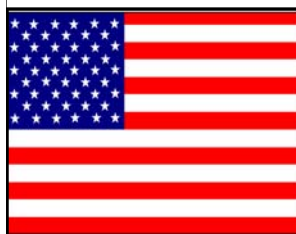


#### Dates for your Calendar

- ◆ Follow us on Facebook!
- ◆ June 14th Social Media Workshop
- ◆ June 17th PowerBreakfast
- ◆ June 22nd/CMU Mixer
- ◆ June 23rd Boyz II Men
- ◆ June 29th Diabetes: The Silent Killer
- ◆ Members Events
- ◆ 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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#### June 2011

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*If you missed the Annual Meeting & the Luncheon, you missed our communications update. Effective this month, all program & event announcements, including our newsletter, will be sent to you via email to help minimize our expenses cost, however we will continue contacting you directly: we want to stay connected! Members enjoyed the private meeting with Dr. Jared Cohon-President of Carnegie Mellon University prior to serving as guest speaker at our Annual Meeting & Luncheon. A big thanks to Donate Life Pennsylvania, Constellation Energy, & the Drew Mathieson Horticultural Center who served as our luncheon, gift, & orchid sponsors, respectively. It was nice to see everyone.*

*Tom Michaels/Larrimor's, was the perfect host for our Members Mixer. The New Orleans theme was perfect for the delicious gumbo, hors d'oeuvres &*

*steaks prepared by the Capital Grille. Members enjoyed the evening & made purchases.*

#### Social Media Workshop

**June 14th, 11:30 AM**  
**Regional Enterprise Tower**  
Bring your laptop & create your firm's social media interface: Call by June 10th!

#### PowerBreakfast Meeting

**June 17th, 7:30 AM**  
**Rivers Club, Downtown**  
**Guest Speaker**  
**Stephen Bland, CEO**  
**Port Authority Transit**  
Our Associate Member will discuss the recent changes & the future plans for PAT.

#### Networking Mixer

**June 22nd, 5 PM - 7 PM**  
**Carnegie Mellon University**  
**Tartan's Pavilion**  
**Resnik Hall**  
We will be hosted by CMU's procurement team. Don't miss it! RSVP @ 412-392-0610.

#### Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra & Community Partners

**Present**  
**Boyz II Men**  
**June 23rd - 7:30 PM**

#### Heinz Hall

There is still time to purchase tickets for this exciting concert. Call 412-392-4900 & use the code number **23846**.

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

**June 29th 3:00 PM**  
**Allegheny General Hospital**  
**Guest Speaker:**  
**Dr. Lenore T. Coleman,**  
Pharm.D. CDC & noted co-author of the book: Healing our Village

This is your opportunity to be tested for diabetes & blood pressure screening at no cost. Call 412-330-2535 **by June 24th** & register with the Partnership Coordinator at the hospital; then join us for our 2nd workshop. Excellent info for you & your employees. Free parking. (RSVP for the workshop to the office.)

#### Special Breakfast Meeting

**July 15th - 8:00 AM**  
**Rivers Club**  
**PA State Senator**  
**Wayne D. Fontana**  
Come hear the follow up from the Senator's announced intent to fight to restore separate line items for the Small Business, Local Develop-

ment Districts, Industrial Resource Centers & Industrial Development Corporations within the state budget, the new budget process & the Senator's advocacy role for small businesses.

#### **Member's Orientation**

**July 26th**

**11:30 AM-1:30 PM**

#### **Regional Enterprise Tower-R A Hunt Room**

This 90 minute session is for new & existing members to learn & better understand how the Chamber operates & how to access opportunities to advance your firm.

#### **Networking Mixer**

**September 21st,  
5 PM - 7 PM**

#### **Heinz History Center**

Associate Member Betty Arenth will be our host us for this historic exhibit; America's Best Weekly (on exhibit thru Oct. 2nd); A Century of the Pittsburgh Courier. You will receive a flyer.

#### **Save On Electricity & Support Your Chamber**

It's simple; just have the account number for your electric bill handy then log on to: [www.viridian.Com](http://www.viridian.Com) [AACCWPA](http://AACCWPA) . Then click on-Become a Customer.

#### **Members Info & Events**

##### **Attention**

#### **COSTARS Suppliers & Potential Suppliers**

The amended contracts for COSTARS can be viewed @: [www.dgs.state.pa.us/COSTARS](http://www.dgs.state.pa.us/COSTARS) Email questions to: [elbowers@state.pa.us](mailto:elbowers@state.pa.us)

#### **Saturdays In June** **Literacy & Family Fun** **August Wilson Center**

Enjoy a summer reading series, arts & cultural activities for the entire family. Register at the August Wilson Center by calling @ 412-338-8730 or for more info go to: [www.augustwilsoncenter.org](http://www.augustwilsoncenter.org)

#### **Highmark** **Legacy Square**

Don't forget This is a great event: tour this exhibit that honors the history of the Negro Baseball Leagues. Call 412-325-4731 for details.

#### **Free Guided** **Downtown Walking** **Tours**

**Every Friday Noon-1 PM**

For more info, call the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation @ 412-471-5808.

#### **African American** **Heritage Day Parade** **October 1st** **Downtown Pittsburgh**

#### **8th Annual Pennsylvania** **Conference for Women**

**October 25th**

**Philadelphia , PA**

Mark your calendar. This year's speakers will include Gloria Steinem & Marion Jones. Get more info @: [paconferenceforwomen.org/speakers/](http://paconferenceforwomen.org/speakers/).

#### **October 21st - 7 PM** **Faberge' at the Frick** **Frick Art Museum** **7227 Reynolds St.** **Point Breeze**

See the 1st major exhibit of Fabergé objects to be shown in Pittsburgh. Go to [FabergeAtTheFrick.org](http://FabergeAtTheFrick.org).

#### **Façade Improvement**

The URA offers several different façade improvement programs for building owners & tenants. Call 412-255-6550.

#### **Congratulations**

**Members** Lara Washington & State Rep. Jake Wheatley on finishing the Marathon; Presidential Roundtable Members Mark Nordenberg on "Athletics at Pitt: The Fore-front of a Century of Change"; Dr. Ken Melani/Highmark, the 1st Blue Cross Blue Shield Plan to Receive NCQA Distinction in Multi-cultural Health Care; Members Rufus Idris/CEED on a \$300K grant from the U.S. Commerce Economic Development Administration; Maggie Jensen/YWCA on \$200K raised @ the Tribute to Women Leadership Awards; Chaz Kellem/Pirates, CCAC Vanguard Diversity Awardee; PNC on the bank's new smart-phone app-the 1st in PA; Chuck Powell/URA received the SBA Award; Presidential Roundtable Member Murry Gerber/EQT, & Corporate Supporter Morgan O'Brien/Peoples Natural Gas awarded the Pittsburgh Business Times Energy Leadership Award.

#### **'New Pittsburgh** **Courier**

**Members** Peggy Harris/Three Rivers Youth & Robert Hill/Univ. of Pitt @ Three Rivers Youth's Nellie Awards; Ruth

Byrd-Smith/Allegheny Co. M/W/D/B/E & Rufus Idris/CEED @ the ceremony for CEED's receipt of a \$300K grant; Members Representatives Joe Preston & Jake Wheatley at Homewood's Planning & Development Collaborative; Associate Member Victor Roque/Hill House is retiring June 30th. Chamber Chairman Sam Stephenson & your President presenting CMU President Jared Cohon with a crystal key during the Chamber's Annual Meeting & Luncheon.

#### **Whirl Magazine**

**Member** Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier @ the Art Rooney Awards; & Presidential Roundtable Members Ralph Papa/Citizens Bank & Robert Kelly/BNY Mellon @ the History Makers Awards Dinner.

#### **Pittsburgh Quarterly**

**Member** Melanie Harrington/Vibrant Pittsburgh & Corporate Sponsor Nova Chemicals' Randy Woelfel featured in [Arrivals-Professionals](http://Arrivals-Professionals) New to Pittsburgh, PA.

#### **Welcome New Members**

#### **Regular Members** **Karen Eady-Lockett**

Eady & Associates

#### **Kwame Scott**

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Pre-paid Legal Services, Inc.

#### **Abraham Moosa**

Janney Montgomery Scott

**Summer Arrives**  
**June 21st**

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