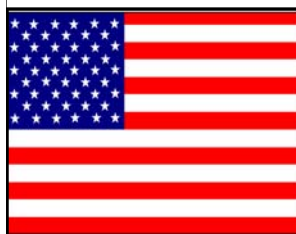


Dates for your Calendar

- ♦ July 15th-Special Breakfast Meeting with Senator Fontana
- ♦ July 26th-Member's Orientation
- ♦ August 23rd-Doing Business with Rivers Casino
- ♦ September 21st-Mixer @ Heinz History Center
- ♦ September 16th-PowerBreakfast Meeting



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 is now on Facebook & Twitter



Follow us on Twitter @ aaccwp. We are now at over 2,000 views!

Thanks to Frank Macinsky & Ian Rosenberger who walked members thru setting up Social Media on their laptops for their firms!

Member Steve Bland, Port Authority CEO set their record straight at the June PowerBreakfast with a candid discussion on the performance & direction of PAT: very informative.

Six of CMU's Managers of procurement team were at our Networking Mixer to meet members, exchange info, & schedule meetings; it was a good event!

Thanks to those who supported your Chamber by purchasing tickets to the Boyz II Men concert with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra: it was truly a special evening.

Thanks to Dr. Lenore Coleman, Dr. Vanessa Richardson & Dr. Rhonda Johnson for a very enlightening Diabetes Workshop.

Presidential Roundtable Member Deb Caplan coordinated the free diabetes testing & blood pressure screening your Chamber offered. Dr. Coleman signed her book for everyone & also received a video on Diabetes. September will be our next workshop, to be via email & on Facebook.

Special Breakfast Meeting

**July 15th - 8:00 AM
Rivers Club
PA State Senator
Wayne D. Fontana**

Senator Fontana will discuss this year's state budget process & the outcomes for Small Business Development Centers, Development Districts, Local Industrial Resource Centers & his 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 and existing members to understand how the Chamber operates & how to access opportunities

to grow your business.

Doing Business with Rivers Casino

August 23rd 3:00 PM

Members Joseph Martin & George Matta invite you to come & learn about the updated procurement measures and opportunities at the Rivers Casino. RSVP @ 412-392-0610.

Communications Workshop

**September 13th
11:30AM**

**Regional Enterprise
Tower**

Dr. Rex Crawley, Assistant Dean/Robert Morris University will present techniques on effective communications for conducting business. RSVP by the 9th to the office.

PowerBreakfast Meeting September 16th

7:30 AM

Rivers Club

Robert Morris University
We will welcome RMU's procurement team who will present how to do business with the school.

Networking Mixer September 21st,

5 PM - 7 PM

**Heinz History Center
A Century of the
Pittsburgh Courier**

Associate Member Betty Arenth will be our host for this historic exhibit;

(exhibit thru Oct. 2nd). It will be a real treat!

Save On Electricity & Support Your Chamber

It's simple; just have the account number for your electric bill handy when you & log on to: www.viridian.com/AACCWPA. Then click on-Welcome a Customer.

Members Info & Events

Attention

Now Playing Free

Dollar Bank

Cinema In The Park

Grab the kids & a blanket & head to the park for a movie under the stars. Find out what's playing at www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/parks/cinema_in_the_park or call 412-422-6426.

Through July
Minority Girls & Girls At-Risk

Techno Video Game Development Camp

Sponsored by Carlow University, The Urban League & Catalyst Connections for grades 9-12. Call 412-578-7810.

July 21st
Sustainable Pittsburgh
Champions for Sustainability

Healthcare Workshop

7:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Fairmont Hotel

Downtown Pittsburgh

Join Member Court Gould for this valuable workshop. Call 412-258-6642.

July 22nd
The Pittsburgh Pirates
African American Heritage Day
Sports Luncheon
PNC Park, Lexus Club
For tickets & more

info, call 412-325-4731.

October 1st
African American Heritage Day Parade
Downtown Pittsburgh

Mark your calendar.

8th Annual Pennsylvania Conference for Women

October 25th

Philadelphia, PA

This year's speakers include Gloria Steinem & Marion Jones. Get more info @: 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.

FY\$!

Bid Opportunity-New Correctional Facility

Learn more @:

www.emarketplace.state.pa.us/GeneralEdit.ASPX?SID=DGS%20577-36%203rd20revised%20Rebid%20-%20design%20build

Employment Opportunity

Imani Christian Academy is seeking a **Head of School** to administer all faculty, staff & student activities. Call 412-731-7983.

Congratulations

Member Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier on the Courier's All City Sports Awards; A. Fulton Meachem/Pittsburgh Housing Authority on the Dad's Day Resource Fair.

In the News

New Pittsburgh Courier

Associate Member Rev. Steven Jackson/Bethel AME & Member Andrew Cheeseboro/Small Seeds Development @ Bethel's

beautification project; **Member** Lois Martin/Bethlehem Haven on the 'Lost But Not Forgotten' Outreach; Members Evan Frazier/Highmark & Andre Kimo Stone Guess/August Wilson Center on the AWC's Reinventing Itself; Peggy Harris/Three Rivers Youth, Phyllis Comer/Comer Educational Consulting, Rhonda Carson Leach/Savvy Consulting @ PNC's Spring Hat Luncheon; **Associate Member** Esther Bush on the War On Unemployment Retreat.

Whirl Magazine

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

2011 Pittsburgh Today & Tomorrow

Comments on the facts & future of our region from Members, Supporting, Associate & Corporate Sponsors included Greg Babe/Bayer, Stephen Bland/PAT, Victor Diaz/Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Aradhna Dhanda/Leadership Pittsburgh, Jared Cohon/CMU, James Hassinger/Southwestern PA Commission, Mary Hines/Carlow University, Kevin McMahon/Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, Dr. Ken Melani/Highmark, Mark Nordenberg/University of Pittsburgh, Richard Piacentini/Phipps

Conservatory, David Porges/EQT, Thomas Saunders/Western PA Conservancy, Mitch Swain/Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council, John Surma/United States Steel & Dennis Yablonsky/Allegheny Conference on Community Development.

Soul Pitt Quarterly

Member Frederick Douglas/Cosmos Technologies on Marcellus Shale; & Dr. Rhonda Johnson/Highmark, For The Sake of Your Health.

TALK Magazine

Dr. Rhonda Johnson/Highmark on Highmark's Efforts To Change The Way Our Children Eat; Members Gayle Moss attending the PA African American Network Convention; Sean Gibson/Josh Gibson Foundation & Dr. Curtiss Porter/Penn State Greater Allegheny at the airing of *The Josh Gibson Story*.

Pittsburgh Quarterly

Member Melanie Harrington/Vibrant Pittsburgh & Corporate Sponsor Nova Chemicals' Randy Woelfel featured in Arrivals-Professionals New to Pittsburgh, PA.

Welcome New Members
Regular Members

LaVerne Thomas,
CVA, MBA
R.S. Business Valuation Services

Associate Members

C. Lynn Greer
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Dr. Cornelius Wooten
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