#### **Dates for your Calendar**

- August 23rd-Doing **Business with Rivers Casino**
- September 8th-Diabetes Workshop
- September 13th-Communications Workshop
- September 16th-PowerBreakfast Meetina
- September 21st-Mixer @ Heinz **History Center**
- **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, selfsufficiency and entrepreneurial excellence, we will seek to advance economic parity by ensuring full participation.



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#### August 2011

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

Senator Wayne Fontana enlightened everyone at our July Special Breakfast Meeting: thanks for the feedback on last month's Members' Orientation. Glad to know the info shared was useful.

# **How To Do Business** With Rivers Casino For

Members Only August 23rd, 3:00 PM **Regional Enterprise Tower** 425 Sixth Ave.

23rd Floor- Fetterolf Room **M**embers Joseph Martin

& George Matta invite you to come & learn about the updated procurement measures at Rivers Casino:-a must if you wish to bid on proposals to do business.

# **Diabetes: The Silent** Killer; Self Management of a Chronic Disease

September 8th 12:00 Noon—2:00 PM Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeanette South-Paul, MD Chair, UPMC Department of **Family Medicine** 

This next workshop will feature you having lunch with a Dietician at your table & a Nutritionist to discuss food shopping & choosing food portions. Dr. South-Paul will then

discuss what to ask your Dr. once you have been diagnosed, then prepare your questions to "Ask the Doctor" what you want to know. The workshop is open to the public with Free parking & a complimentary lunch. An announcement will be sent.

#### 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 September 9th.

#### PowerBreakfast Meeting September 16th-7:30 AM **Rivers Club Robert Morris University**

Come learn about RMU's development projects from their procurement team & how you can do business with Robert Morris University.

**Networking Mixer** September 21st. 5 PM - 7 PM **Heinz History Center** A Century of the

#### **Pittsburgh Courier**

Associate Member Betty Arenth will host this historic exhibit; (now thru Oct. 2nd). It will be a real treat!

#### Save On Electricity & Support Your Chamber

**J**ust have your electric bill account number handy & log on to: www. viridian. com/AACCWPA Click on: Welcome a Customer

#### Members' Info & Events

#### August 8th **North East Corridor Regional Committee Leadership Conference** Lafayette Hill, PA

Join our Associate Member, Mike Schiller/ Green Building Alliance, for this event. For more information contact Jenna Cramer@ jennac@gbapgh.org.

#### **August 9th** Oak Hill Apartments **Opening Celebration** 480 Oak Hill Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15213 11:00 AM

Associate Member A. Fulton Meachem/ Housing Authority-Pittsburgh welcomes you to join him at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & tour the new complex with Chairman Circle Member KBK Enterprises.

#### August 13th The Josh Gibson **Foundation Presents** Josh Gibson Centennial Negro League Gala **Wyndham Grand Hotel** 6:00 PM

Member Sean Gibson hopes to see you at this special event, marking the 100th birth date of baseball legend Josh Gibson. Special Guest: Reggie Jackson. Call 412-771-6949.

#### August 14th **Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank Summer Blues For Food** 1PM - 7:30 PM **Domenico's Ristorante** Cranberry

Welcome new CEO Germaine Husser & help raise proceeds to benefit the Food Bank. Call 412-460-3663.

#### September 9th **IRETA 8th Annual Recovery Sports Link** PNC Park 7:05 PM

**S**upporting Member Michael Flaherty is planning a fun night during National Recovery Month at the Pirates ballgame. Call 412-391-4449 for details.

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

This annual event celebrates African American pride in our region: mark your calendar.

#### October 1st **Manchester Craftsmen's Guild Presents An Evening With** Pat Metheny

For tickets & more info on the upcoming season, call MCG @ 412-322-0800.

#### 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. To learn more, go to: FabergeAtTheFrick.org.

#### October 25th 8th Annual Pennsylvania **Conference for Women** Philadelphia, PA

Travel to Philly to hear keynote speakers Gloria Steinem, Marion Jones, Helene Gavle, Martha Beck. & America Ferrera at this year's conference. Register @: paconference for women.org

# FY\$I **Attention Suppliers**

To be considered for future RFB's with Allegheny County you must register @: alleghenycoun tv.us/purchasing/supplier or call 800-677-1997.

#### Through September 30th Emergency Homeowners Loan Program

Help is available to homeowners unable to make mortgage payments due to loss or reduction of wages. Call 800-342-2397.

#### **Employment Opportunities**

#### City of Pittsburgh

Apply for City of Pittsburgh jobs online @: www.city.pittsburgh.pa. us/employmentcenter

> **Allegheny County** Paid Internships **Housing & Human Services Division Authorities Division** Undergraduate & Graduate Students

Applicants should send a letter of interest and resume to: shannon.dan sak@alleghenycounty.us

#### Positions at WQED

A Web Developer & Distribution Administrator are needed. Go to: www. wged.org/about/careers

#### Congratulations

**Members Bill Strickland** awarded at the 2011 Goi Peace Foundation in Tokyo; Phyllis Kokkila/ American Heart Assoc. awarded the Rome Betts Award: Pitts-burgh Zoo on rescuing 3 new African elephants!

#### In the News **New Pittsburgh Courier**

**C**orporate Sponsors David Allen/Allstate & Chauncey Smith/Heinz @ the Kappa Scholarship Awards Luncheon; Dr. Ken Melani/Highmark & Constance Horton/ FAME at the FAME Annual Luncheon; Sean Gibson/Josh Gibson Foundation @ the Josh Gibson Charity Softball Tournament; speakers @our Chamber's Diabetes Workshop; & Senator Wayne Fontana & your president @ the Chamber's Special Breakfast Meeting.

### Congratulations New PittsburghCourier Class of 2011 50 Women of Excellence

**M**embers Paula Castleberry/Pittsburgh Public Schools: Karen Eady-Lockett/Eady Associates: Melanie Harrington/Vibrant Pittsburgh; Cecelia Jenkins/Pittsburgh Community Service:

Grace Robinson/Grace Robinson Insurance Agency; Shelly Uku/ICG Solutions & Jacqueline Wilson/Three Rivers Adoption: Best!

#### **ONYX WOMAN**

Members Jackie Wilson/ Three Rivers Adoption Council featured in Family Focus; Janai Williams/Ebony Holdings featured in Celebrating the Entrepreneurial Soul; Grace Robinson/ State Farm, Phil Petite/ City of Pittsburgh, Ruth Byrd-Smith/Allegheny County, Robert Hill/Univ. of Pgh. & Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier in Legacy In Black, & Sylvester Pace/NEED featured in Father-Love.

#### **Pittsburgh** Post-Gazette

Supporting Member Jerry Cozewith/Entrepreneuring Youth at the Manchester Academic Charter School summer program.

#### h - The Magazine of the **Heinz Endowments**

Member Lisa Schroeder/ Riverlife featured in River City.

#### **Welcome New** Members

#### **Regular Members** Rev. De'Neice Welsh

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