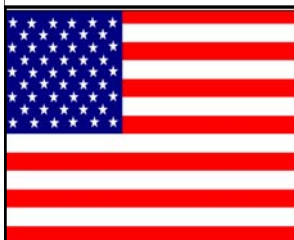


## Dates for your Calendar

- ♦ September 8th–  
Diabetes Workshop
- ♦ September 13th–  
Communications  
Workshop
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Meeting
- ♦ September 21st–  
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Center
- ♦ New Members
- ♦ Members Events



### 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.*

## AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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DORIS CARSON WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT AND CEO

### September 2011

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

**Remember to check your email, & follow your Chamber on Facebook & Twitter @ [aaccwp.com](http://aaccwp.com) for your upcoming Chamber events!**  

Member Joe Martin & George Matta of Rivers Casino gave a very candid review & updates on the revised procurement measures for Rivers Casino.

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

**September 8th  
12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM  
Guest Speaker:**

**Dr. Jeannette South-Paul  
MD & Chair**

**UPMC Department of  
Family Medicine & the  
Andrew Mathieson  
Professor Dept. Chair  
University of Pittsburgh**

Our next workshop will feature you having lunch with a Dietician at your table to ask questions, followed by a presentation on portion sizes, reading the labels for carbs, & a presentation on the new 'My Plate Theory'. The session will conclude with Dr. South-Paul presenting questions to ask your Doctor if you've been

diagnosed. You will also have time for your questions & "Ask the Doctor" what you want to know. The workshop is open to the public with free parking & complimentary lunch. You must RSVP @ 412-392-0610.

### Communications Workshop

**September 13th  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
Regional Enterprise  
Tower**

**Dr. Rex Crawley, Assistant Dean/Robert Morris University** will present techniques on effective communications for conducting business. RSVP by 9/9 @ 412-392-0610.

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

**Robert Morris University**  
We will welcome RMU's procurement team who will discuss doing business with Robert Morris.

### Networking Mixer

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

**Heinz History Center  
A Century of the  
Pittsburgh Courier**  
Associate Member Betty Arenth will host us for this historic exhibit;

Member Rod Doss will be making remarks & our two new CEOs will be there for you to welcome as Chamber Members: Cheryl Hall-Russell/Hill House Assoc., & D. Jermaine Husser/Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. Let's give them a big Pittsburgh welcome!

### PowerBreakfast Meeting

**October 21st - 7:30 AM  
Rivers Club**

**National Organization of  
Black Law Enforcement  
Executives**

Member Maurita Bryant, will share the details for their upcoming national conference & possible opportunities for your firms to be involved.

### September 16th Carnegie Mellon University - C.A.U.S.E.

### Speakers Series' Opening Reception

**4:30 – 6:00 pm  
Danforth Lounge**  
Call 412-268-2880 for more information.

### September 19th Athena Award Program Luncheon Westin Convention Center Hotel

For more info go to:  
[ATHENA-Pittsburgh.com](http://ATHENA-Pittsburgh.com)

### September 30th PNC Presents Riverlife's Party

**At The Pier**  
**7 PM - 11 PM**  
**Market Street Pier**  
**Northshore**

Member Lisa Schroeder has a fun evening planned. Call 412-258-6636 for ticket information.

**October 1st**  
**African American**  
**Heritage Day Parade**  
**11 AM Rain or Shine**  
**Downtown Pittsburgh**

This annual event celebrates African American pride in our region. For information & parade route call 412-392-0322.

**October 1st**  
**YWCA 12th Annual**  
**Pink Ribbon Luncheon**  
**& Fashion Show**  
**11 AM - 2 PM**

**Westin Hotel**  
Member Maggie Jensen is preparing an ENCORE plus program to benefit medically underserved women with cancer. Call 412-255-1261, or go to [www.ywcapgh.org](http://www.ywcapgh.org).

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

For tickets & info, 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. Go to: [FabergeAtTheFrick.org](http://FabergeAtTheFrick.org).

**Oct 22nd - 6 PM-10 PM**  
**Soul Food**  
**Dinner & Jazz Night**  
**Rivers Club**  
**One Oxford Center**  
Join Member Rob Jones/

Ingoodcompany for a fun evening of gourmet soul food & live jazz. Register @ 412-860-8500.

**October 28th - 6:30 PM**  
**Teenie Harris**  
**Photographer**

**An American Story**  
**Carnegie Museum of Art**  
Special Guest, Linda Johnson Rice/Johnson Publishing, live jazz & seated dinner. For tickets call 412-578-2552.

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

Travel to Philly to hear keynote speakers Gloria Steinem, Marion Jones, Helene Gayle, Martha Beck, & America Ferrera. Register @: [paconferenceforwomen.org](http://paconferenceforwomen.org)

**Project Pop Up Downtown**

The City of Pittsburgh is seeking proposals for a new initiative to revitalize downtown vacant storefronts. **Proposals must be submitted by September 13th.** Learn more @: [projectpopuppittsburgh.wordpress.com](http://projectpopuppittsburgh.wordpress.com) or call Bethany Tucke @412-566-4190.

**September 30th**  
**Emergency Homeowners**  
**Loan Program**

Help is **still** available to homeowners unable to make mortgage payments. Call 800-342-2397.

**Employment Opportunities**

Highmark is seeking Nurse Case Managers in several PA locations. Go to [www.Highmark.com](http://www.Highmark.com) & click on *Careers & Search Jobs*.

**Congratulations**

Member Sean Gibson/ Josh Gibson Foundation

raising \$50K @ the centennial gala; Chairman Circle Member Keith Key/KBK Enterprises & Board Member A. Fulton Meachem /Housing Authority, City of Pgh on the completion of the newest phase of development: the Oak Hill project; Andre Guess/ August Wilson Center on *August In August*; Esther Bush/Urban League, Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier & Pitt's Community Partners collaborate on their health initiative; Ruth Byrd-Smith/Allegheny County MWDBE; Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier; Robert Hill/ University of Pittsburgh; Phil Petite/EOC, City of Pittsburgh; Grace Robinson/Grace Robinson Insurance; honored by the Onyx Woman Network.

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

Members Dara Ware Allen/Youthworks featured in School Board Approves Lowering Sports GPA; Cecelia Jenkins/Pittsburgh Community Services @ the "All That Jazz" Awards; Hill House selects new CEO Cheryl Hall-Russell; Maurita Bryant/Pittsburgh Police Dept. on Pittsburgh Police Decline Over Decade; Comcast Connects Digital Divide featuring Esther Bush/ Urban League & Dr. Linda Lane/PPS; Howard Russell/Opus Acquisitions @ Chuck Sanders' Savoy, *Guest Who's Coming to Dinner*

fundraiser;

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

Member Pittsburgh Community Food Bank welcomes new CEO Jermaine Husser; Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier @ the Women of Excellence Luncheon;& Rich Baird/Adagio @ the VIPink Party.

**Talk Magazine**

Grace Robinson/Grace Robinson Insurance, Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier, Chaz Kellem/ Pittsburgh Pirates, Frederick Douglas/Cosmos Technologies, & Bob Agbede/Chester Engineers named PA's Business Owners & Top Executives for Talk 2011.

**Pittsburgh**  
**Business Times**

Chairman's Circle Member Bob Agbede/ Chester Engineers, ranked #5 among execs heading the largest environmental companies in the Pittsburgh area.

**Welcome New Members**  
**Regular Members**

**Donna J. Rucker**  
Changing Billing Focus Internationally

**Supporting Members**  
**Louis Lanutti**

CM Solutions, LLC

**Associate Members**

**D. Germaine Husser**  
Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank

**Cheryl Hall-Russell**  
Hill House Association

**Jahmal Sanders**  
Manchester Academic Charter School

**Autumn begins the 23rd.**