

Dates for your Calendar

- ◆ September 8th– Diabetes Workshop
- ◆ September 13th– Communications Workshop
- ◆ September 16th– PowerBreakfast Meeting
- ◆ September 21st– Mixer @ Heinz 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.

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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 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 Arent 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

September 30th PNC Presents Riverlife's Party

<p><u>At The Pier</u> 7 PM - 11 PM Market Street Pier Northshore</p> <p>Member Lisa Schroeder has a fun evening planned. Call 412-258-6636 for ticket information.</p> <p>October 1st African American Heritage Day Parade 11 AM Rain or Shine Downtown Pittsburgh</p> <p>This annual event celebrates African American pride in our region. For information & parade route call 412-392-0322.</p> <p>October 1st YWCA 12th Annual Pink Ribbon Luncheon & Fashion Show 11 AM - 2 PM Westin Hotel</p> <p>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.</p> <p>October 1st Manchester Craftsmen's Guild Presents An Evening With Pat Metheny</p> <p>For tickets & info, call MCG @ 412-322-0800.</p> <p>October 21st - 7 PM Faberge' at the Frick Frick Art Museum 7227 Reynolds St. Point Breeze</p> <p>See the 1st major exhibit of Fabergé objects to be shown in Pittsburgh. Go to: FabergeAtTheFrick.org.</p> <p>Oct 22nd - 6 PM-10 PM Soul Food Dinner & Jazz Night Rivers Club One Oxford Center Join Member Rob Jones/</p>	<p>Ingoodcompany for a fun evening of gourmet soul food & live jazz. Register @ 412-860-8500.</p> <p>October 28th - 6:30 PM Teenie Harris Photographer An American Story Carnegie Museum of Art</p> <p>Special Guest, Linda Johnson Rice/Johnson Publishing, live jazz & seated dinner. For tickets call 412-578-2552.</p> <p>October 25th 8th Annual Pennsylvania Conference for Women Philadelphia , PA</p> <p>Travel to Philly to hear keynote speakers Gloria Steinem, Marion Jones, Helene Gayle, Martha Beck, & America Ferrera . Register @: paconferenceforwomen.org</p> <p>Project Pop Up Downtown</p> <p>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 or call Bethany Tucke @412-566-4190.</p> <p>September 30th Emergency Homeowners Loan Program</p> <p>Help is still available to homeowners unable to make mortgage payments. Call 800-342-2397.</p> <p>Employment Opportunities</p> <p>Highmark is seeking Nurse Case Managers in several PA locations. Go to www.Highmark.com & click on Careers & Search Jobs.</p> <p>Congratulations</p> <p>Member Sean Gibson/ Josh Gibson Foundation</p>	<p>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 <i>August In August</i>; 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.</p> <p>In the News New Pittsburgh Courier</p> <p>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 <i>Who's Coming to Dinner</i></p>	<p>fundraiser;</p> <p>Pittsburgh Post-Gazette</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Talk Magazine</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Pittsburgh Business Times</p> <p>Chairman's Circle Member Bob Agbede/ Chester Engineers, ranked #5 among execs heading the largest environmental companies in the Pittsburgh area.</p> <p>Welcome New Members</p> <p>Regular Members Donna J. Rucker Changing Billing Focus Internationally</p> <p>Supporting Members Louis Lanutti CM Solutions, LLC</p> <p>Associate Members D. Germaine Husser Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank</p> <p>Cheryl Hall-Russell Hill House Association</p> <p>Jahmal Sanders Manchester Academic Charter School</p> <p>Autumn begins the 23rd.</p>
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