### **Dates for your Calendar**

- October 21st-**PowerBreakfast** Meeting
- October 28th-**Networking Mixer** @ the Zoo
- November 17th-**Diabetes Workshop** @ WQED
- December 2nd-**Annual Business** Luncheon
- **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, selfsufficiency and entrepreneurial excellence, we will seek to advance economic parity by ensuring full participation.



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#### October 2011

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

**R**emember to check your email, and follow your Chamber on Facebook & Twitter@ aaccwp.com for your upcoming Chamber events! Sign on as a friend.

Kudos to UPMC's Candi Castleberry-Singleton for hosting last month's Diabetes Workshop, Dieticians were seated at every table for Q&A on healthy eating: Chrissy Laposki, the Regional Dietician for Eat N Park's Chura Hospitality Group, presented their One Plate Theory for balanced meals. Dr. Jeannette South-Paul/UPMC wowed the full house with a case study and answers to everyone's questions. It was very informative.

Thanks to Dr. Rex Crawley/Robert Morris University for an exceptionnally engaging workshop on effective business communications. Everyone who attended gave it a big thumbs up.

Thanks to Pinnacle Insurance's Edgar Morales for presenting their back office tools for small business @ last month's PowerBreakfast Meeting.

**T**hanks to Betty Arenth/Heinz History Center for hosting. & Curator Sam Brown for highlighting features of :"100 years of the New Pittsburgh Courier " Exhibit for last month's Networking Mixer.

### PowerBreakfast Meeting September 21st-7:30 AM Rivers Club **National Organization** of Black Law Enforcement **Executives**

We will welcome Pittsburgh Police Chief Nathan Harper & Assistant Chief Maurita Bryant to discuss NOBLE's upcoming conference & potential business opportunities for Chamber Members: be there!

### **Networking Mixer** October 28th 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Pittsburgh Zoo & **PPG Aquarium**

Member Lynn Greer will welcome us at One Wild Place for a fun adult mixer. Continuous shuttle service will be provided from the parking lot to the exhibit. Remember: the Polar

Bear Encounter takes place at 6:00 PM. Bring a guest & plenty of business cards for an evening with the wildlife.

### **Diabetes: The Silent** Killer - Self Management of a Chronic Disease November 17th **WQED Multimedia** 4802 - 5th Ave-Oakland

The next workshop will be held at WQED & documented for Public Television. A detailed program announcement is being developed. Watch for it in your email.

### October 9th - 4 PM **Ninth Annual NAACP Freedom Sunday Worship Service** Petra International Ministries, Inc. 235 Eastgate Drive **East Hills**

Join Member Gail Moss for this worship & fellowship. Guest Speaker is Rev. Dr. Stephen Jackson Pastor, Bethel A.M.E. Church, Hill District,

October 13th - 8:30 AM **Duquesne University Small Business Development Center** Inaugural TCOMM EVENT Holiday Inn - Oakland

For more info. call Member Dr. Mary McKinney at: 412-396-1633.

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

See this 1st major exhibit of Fabergé objects to be shown in Pittsburgh. (Our Holiday Celebration will be there in November): Go to: FabergeAtTheFrick.org.

## Oct 22nd - 6 PM-10 PM Soul Food Dinner & Jazz Night Rivers Club One Oxford Center

Join Member Rob Jones/ Ingood Company for a fun evening of gourmet soul food & live jazz. Register @ 412-860-8500

## October 22nd - 6 PM National Organization

of Black Law
Enforcement
Executives
11th Annual Awards &
Scholarship Banquet
Double Tree Hotel
101 Mall Boulevard
Monroeville

Join Member Maurita Bryant for this affair featuring the William H. Moore Awards for Excellence. Call 412-894-6396.

# October 25th - 5 PM <u>A Night With Our Stars</u> <u>Celebrating Success</u> Heinz Field East Club Lounge

Join Associate Member Mark Peterson/ Bridgeway Capital as they highlight their clients & their impact in PA. RSVP by 10/19 @ 412-201-2450.

October 28th - 6:30 PM <u>Teenie Harris</u> Photographer

### An American Story Carnegie Museum of Art

**S**pecial Guest, Linda Johnson Rice/Johnson Publishing, live jazz & seated dinner. For tickets call 412-578-2552.

October 29th
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Urban League of Greater
Pittsburgh's 2011
State Of Black Pittsburgh
August Wilson Center
Join Member Esther Bush
& learn about our status.
Call 412-227-4802 for details.

## November 7th - 11th Pennsylvania's Center For Trade Development Mission to Mexico

If you are interested in launching or increasing import sales to Mexico call 717-265-7749.

## November 16th-5:30 PM YWCA Annual Racial Justice Awards Dinner Westin Hotel

Join Associate Member Maggie Jensen for the 20th Annual Awards event. Call 412-391-5100.

## November 17th Pennsylvania Business Technology Conference Duquesne University

**G**et ahead of the technology curve. For more information call 412-396-1633

### August Wilson Center Dance Academy

Classes for all ages -Register now for Fall, Spring & Summer sessions. Call 412-338-8742.

### Congratulations

**M**embers William Generett, Cheryl Hall-Russell & Chris Kush on their economic development collaborative being approved by the federal government. Members Floyd Cephas/Northside Christian Health Center on the National College of Quality Assurance Level 3 accredition, only the 2nd non-profit to achieve this. & a Silver Leeds Certification; Candi Castleberry Singleton on UPMC's Dignity & Respect Champions' Awards Breakfast: Chair-man Circle Members Keith B. Key on being selected as the develop-er for the 1st phase of the Larimer Development Plan, & Robert Agbede/Chester Engineers honored by Mt. Ararat Community Activity Center as an outstand-ing community leader: & Corporate Supporter Point Park University on a \$1M gift to fund the Urban Accounting Initiative.

### Employment Opportunities

Allegheny County is seeking 2 Project Managers for the Economic Development Department. Download an application @: www.alleghenycounty.us/jobs.

#### FY\$I

For information on Supplies & Surplus Operations in PA, go to <a href="https://www.portal.state.pa.us">www.portal.state.pa.us</a> & click on Supplies and Surplus Operations.

### Did You Know

**W**estmoreland, the last new county created before the Revolution, was the first county located entirely west of the Allegheny

Mountains.

### In the News New Pittsburgh Courier

Members Bill Hawthorne -/ A For The People Insurance Company featured in "Business"; Assistant Pittsburgh Police Assistant Chief Maurita Bryant speaking @ the Women's Walk For Peace: Esther Bush/ Urban League featured in 'Health'; Chuck Powell/ URA @ the Family House Polo event: Russell & Kathy Bynum/Bynum's Advertising @ the 'Hills of Pittsburgh to Haiti' fundraiser; Chuck Sanders/ Urban Lending @ the Maze concert in 'Out & About': Esther Bush/Urban League & Larry Davis/Pitt speaking @ the Educational Town Hall Discussion; & your Chamber's PowerBreakfast with Edgar Morales/Pinnacle Financial & vour Chamber President featured in 'Business'.

### Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Highmark Inc. plans to hire more than 500 new workers, mostly customer service employees. The full time positions will be in Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Johnstown, Erie & West Virginia.

### Welcome New Members

### **Supporting Members**

Laurie E. Rogg Office Furniture Outlet of Pennsylvania, LLC

### **Chairman's Circle**

John Bettis Savoy Restaurant

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