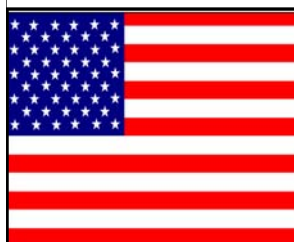


#### Dates for your Calendar

- ◆ November 17th–  
Diabetes Workshop  
@ WQED
- ◆ November 21st–  
Seasonal  
Celebration
- ◆ 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, self-sufficiency and entrepreneurial excellence, we will seek to advance economic parity by ensuring full participation.*

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#### November 2011

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

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

Thanks to Pittsburgh Assistant Police Chief Maurita Bryant & members of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives for an informative PowerBreakfast that also instilled a lot of pride. Nine highranking officers in different areas of law enforcement were on hand to help solicit support for the NOBLE Conference to be held here next year.

**Kudos** to our Member Lynn Greer for a great educational & fun Networking Mixer @ the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium.

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

November 17th  
3 PM

WQED Multimedia  
4802 - 5th Ave-Oakland  
This workshop will feature a film produced by WQED titled *Experience: Living with Diabetes*. It offers something for everyone. Two powerful testimonials will also be

given; Be there! RSVP by the 15th.

#### **Annual Business Luncheon** Friday, December 2nd 12:00 Noon

**Omni William Penn Sponsor: Fifth Third Bank of Western PA**

This year, join us to welcome as our guest speaker, Dr. John Wetenhall, President & CEO Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh. Look for your invitation.

#### **Seasonal Celebration** November 21st Frick Art & Historical Center

7227 Reynolds St  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
Sponsor: H.J. Heinz  
Bring a guest & come view the Faberge exhibit: first time ever n Pittsburgh. RSVP by the 16th .

#### **Members Events**

November 5th  
**A Dance for Life Cotillion**  
6 PM - 10 PM  
Double Tree Hotel  
Monroeville  
Join Member Peggy Harris & A Second Chance for this *formal* event. Call 412-441-5020.

#### November 9th "Dusk" 5:30 PM

**Allegheny General Hospital - Magovern Conference Center**  
Join Northside

Leadership Conference for an intimate 70 minute theatrical reading, reception & panel discussion on end-of-life care. Tickets are free. RSVP @ 412-330-2535 or email: [keri@pittsburghnorthside.com](mailto:keri@pittsburghnorthside.com).

#### November 16th @ 5 **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**  
Get ahead of the technology curve. For more information visit: [www.duq.edu/sbdc](http://www.duq.edu/sbdc)

**Now Through April 7th**  
Teenie Harris, 'Photographer  
**An American Story'**  
Carnegie Museum of Art  
This exhibit is a MUST SEE; & full of positive images of historic Pittsburgh. You can

also visit online @:  
[www.cmoa.org/teenie](http://www.cmoa.org/teenie).

### **New Location**

Member the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council has relocated to 810 Penn Ave. Suite 200, Downtown Pittsburgh.

### **WANTED!**

Business owners & leaders to coach middle & high school students engaged in business creation & ownership. Call Member Jerry Cozewith, head of Entrepreneurship Youth @ 412-456-4169.

### **Employment Opportunities**

Allegheny County has several positions open. Go to: [www.alleghenycounty.us/jobs](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/jobs).

### **PowerUp Pittsburgh**

Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, Jared Cohon/CMU, Mark Nordenberg/Pitt, & Dennis Yablonsky/Allegheny Conference, have formed a new partnership to increase the technology & innovation based jobs thru out the region.

The Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce & the Greater Philadelphia Chamber are working together to support efforts to pass a transportation infrastructure funding bill, for our bridges & roads.

### **November 18th Light Up Night**

This formally kicks off the holiday season for the city:

**FY\$!**  
**Starting A Business Online Tutorial**  
The PA SBDC's

online tutorial is for anyone considering starting a business, purchasing an existing business or expanding their current business. Learn more @:[www.pasbdc.org/resources/online](http://www.pasbdc.org/resources/online)

### **Did You Know**

According to Pittsburgh Today, Pittsburgh ranks 4th in the nation among cities with the highest rate of employment in arts & culture.

### **The BEST Museum App To Date**

The new smart phone app, *Warhol Art*, has been launched. Users can now learn how Andy Warhol painted his paintings through video clips.

Special thanks to the Members who made the Chamber's D.C. White House trip such fun! The 2-day networking session took us to the White House, the Holocaust Museum, & the Martin Luther King Memorial.

### **Congratulations**

Members Howard Graves/Graves Design Group on being award the contract to design the new SEA Offices in the Convention Center; Scott Brown/Citizens Bank, Carlos Carter-Fifth/Third Bank, Frederick Douglas-Cosmos Technologies, Ed Greene-Port Authority, Howard Russell-Opus Acquisitions, & Richard Witherspoon-Hill District Federal Credit Union on being among the 2011 Courier's Men of Excellence; Linda Clautti-Urban Pathways Charter Schools on their K-5 Building Opening; Victor

Diaz/Metropolitan Pittsburgh Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce received the Steelers NFL Hispanic Heritage Leadership Award; Audric Dodds/EQT, Cheryl McAbee/River Development, Roderick Craighead & Joel Acie/Highmark awarded at the WPM-SDC Walk of Excellence Awards Gala; Ed Green/Port Authority awarded the Minority Enterprise Development's Donald S. Carter Lifetime Achievement Award & Elizabeth Bowers/Pennsylvania's Dept. of General Services received the organization's MBE/WBE Advocate Award & the WPM-SDC 2011 Harold T. Bushey Award; Ben Butler/MBOC on a successful Minority Enterprise Development Week Celebration; Chuck Sanders/Urban Lending Solutions awarded Omega Psi Phi's Exemplary Service Citizen of the Year Award; Magdeline Jensen/YWCA on a successful Pink Ribbon Luncheon & Fashion Show; & Bill Strickland/MCG, Evan Frazier/Highmark & your President honored @ the Small Seeds Annual Event.

### **In the News**

### **New Pittsburgh Courier**

Members Ruth Byrd-Smith/Allegheny County MWDBE @ the agency's Open House; Maurita Bryant/NOBLE & your Chamber President @ the African American

Heritage Day Parade; Chauncey Smith/Heinz, Ted Roberts/IBM & George Matta/Rivers Casino @ the August Wilson Center's 'So You Think They Can't Dance'; Bill Hawthorne/A For The People Insurance Agency @ the Pittsburgh Duffers Awards Dinner; Andre Guess/August Wilson Center @ the Center's "Off Center" performance; Andrew Cheeseboro/Small Seeds @ their gala; Mark Nordenberg/University of Pitt @ the Anniversary of John Woodruff's 1936 Olympic win; Chuck Sanders & John Bettis/Savoy & Connie Thornhill/Prudential in 'People'; & Cheryl Hall Russell/Hill House, Damian Foster/AFLAC, Esther Bush/Urban League & Ed Green/Port Authority in 'Out & About'.

### **Pittsburgh Post-Gazette**

Member Fulton Meachem/City of Pittsburgh Housing Authority on mixed income housing.

### **Whirl Magazine**

Sean Gibson @ the Josh Gibson Centennial Gala; & Jim Rohr/ PNC & Alex Johnson/CCAC @ Ralph Papa's retirement event.

### **Welcome New Members**

### **Regular Members**

Charlene McAbee  
River Industries

Rick Davis  
Luttner Financial Group

***Enjoy Thanksgiving!***

