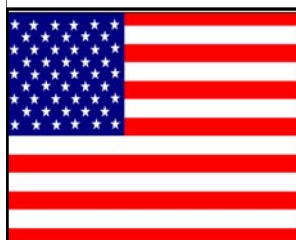


Dates for your Calendar

- ♦ January 20th
PowerBreakfast
Nova Chemical
- ♦ 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.

Check your email & follow your Chamber on Facebook & Twitter @aaccwp.com for your upcoming Chamber events!

Attention Members Survey Time

You should have received your Membership Survey via email. Please take a few minutes and complete the survey. We will need them by Monday December 19th. Each person who completes the survey will receive a complimentary admission to a PowerBreakfast Meeting of your choice. Your feedback assists us in planning programs & providing services that are useful to all members.

Thanks to Member Darryl Ford Williams/ WQED for hosting last month's Diabetes Workshop at WQED Multimedia. Their film, *Living With Diabetes*, was very impactful & provided a perfect introduction to our guest speakers, Planning Committee Member Terri Seidman of the American Diabetes Association & Attorney Loren Haley of Pepper Hamilton, LLP of Philadelphia. Our next

workshop is being planned for February.

What a wonderful Seasonal Celebration at the Frick Arts & Historical Center. Members & guests enjoyed the Fabergé collection, great hors d'oeuvres, & networking: all thanks to our sponsor Chauncey Smith with H.J. Heinz.

PowerBreakfast Meeting

**January 20th - 7:30 AM
Rivers Club -
Downtown**

Join us as we welcome Randy Woelfel, CEO, NOVA Chemicals. We will hear about NOVA & plans for this region & globally. RSVP by 1/18 @ 412-392-0610.

Members Events

**Now Through January
8th**

Phipps Conservatory Presents

The Winter Flower Show

Featuring

The Nutcracker

For a list of events, programs & classes visit phipps.conservatory.org

**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

**December 15th-
5:30PM**

Youth at Work An Evening with

Wes Moore
Herberman

Conference Center

Join Member Dara Ware Allen for this inspirational event. Call 412-952-9704 for details.

January 12th - 10 AM

Spirit of King Award Ceremony

The Kingsley Center
For more information call 412-566-5259.

Employment Opportunities

Point Park University is seeking an accounting/finance faculty member for appointment to the George Rowland White Endowed Professorship in Accounting & Finance. For more information visit: www.pointpark.edu/facultyandstaff.

The Steamfitters Local Union #449 Journeymen and Apprenticeship

Training Committee are currently accepting applications for the 5-year Building Trades and Mechanical Equipment Service Apprenticeship Programs. All applicants must appear in person at the Steamfitters Technology Center, 1459 Woodruff Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15220 to obtain and fill out an application.

Greater Pennsylvania Heavy Highway and Railroad Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship and Training Program are currently accepting applications for Carpenter Apprentices in their 2012 Apprenticeship Program. Applications will be available every Wednesday from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM from December 7, 2011 through March 28, 2012 at the Carpenters Training Center, 652 Ridge Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

FY\$!

The City of Pgh is requesting interested parties to submit letters of interest for services needed by the City. Small firms, MBE/WBE firms & firms who have not previously done business with the City are encouraged to respond. For more information contact William Clark at 412-255-2485.

Matching Grant Program

The Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership has expanded its Paris to Pittsburgh grant

program to include funding for all façade improvements for businesses located downtown. For more information call 412-566-4190 X13.

The Pittsburgh Public Schools District Realignment Plan has been approved for the 2012-13 school year. The 3 strategies of the Plan are: School Closings, Feeder Pattern Changes, and Adjustments to the Educational Delivery Model.

Did You Know

According to Pittsburgh Today, Pittsburgh is one of only 5 cities that had a higher appreciation in home value (9.4%) over the past 5 years.

Congratulations

Member Bill Strickland. MCG Jazz is having an amazing 25th Anniversary year! MCG Jazz & Paquito D'Rivera's Panamericana Suite won 2 Latin Grammys & Bill received the Goi Peace Award in Japan; Alex Johnson/CCAC on the school receiving a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Labor to train Marcellus Shale rig workers; Larry Brinker/Brinker Group inducted into the Michigan Construction Hall of Fame; Magdeline Jensen on the YWCA Racial Justice Awards; Dr. John Wilds/Pitt @ the Peoples Oakland Benefit; Dr. Rex Crawley/Robert Morris Univ. honored at the YWCA Racial Justice Awards; & BNY Mellon honored @ the Association of Fundraising Professionals national Philanthropy Day.

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

Larry Davis/Pitt on the Pitt Summit: Black Male Stereotyping; Grace Robinson/State Farm @ Tomorrow's Future Alumni Program; Pittsburgh Police Assistant Chief Maurita Bryant @ our Chamber's PowerBreakfast with the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Execs; Cecelia Jenkins/Pittsburgh Community Services & Senator Jim Ferlo @ the groundbreaking for the Environment & Energy Community Outreach Center; Rev. Dr. Steven Jackson/Bethel AME the guest @ the NAACP's Pastor of the Year event for Rev. Loran Mann; State Reps Joe Preston & Jake Wheatley on school choice legislation; Chuck Sanders & Howard Russell @ the Savoy; Esther Bush/Urban League on Obesity & the African American Community; Rod Doss @ the Courier's Men of Excellence Awards reception; Sylvester Pace/NEED @ the Champions for Gateway Medical Society Scholarship Gala; Peggy Harris/Three Rivers Youth @ TRY's 'Dance For Life Cotillion'; Rev. DeNeice Welch/Bidwell Street United Presbyterian Church

Talk

Members Chuck Sanders/Urban Lending, Honorary Chair @ the WPMSDC Walk of Excellence Awards Gala; Dr. Curtiss Porter/

Penn State & Frederick Douglas/Cosmos Technologies @ the Talk Minority Achievers Awards; & Dr. Rhonda Johnson/Highmark on Healthcare.

Whirl

Members Fulton Meachem/Pittsburgh Housing Authority @ the Annual Hill of Hope Gala; Cory McGhee/McGhee Moving, Drew Bullard/Two Men & A Truck; Jim Overton/Overton Financial, Richard Portis/Veterans Virtual Training @ the WPMSDC Gala; Dr. Linda Clautti/Northside Urban Pathways Charter School @ the opening of the charter school addition; Savoy Restaurant's Chef Kevin Watson's creation won at the Savor Pittsburgh event; Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier at the Teenie Harris Gala; Janice Donatelli/Artemis @ the Acupuncture Fundraiser; Richard Piacentini/Phipps @ the Let's Move Pittsburgh Symposium; Gregory Babe/Bayer @ the One Young World Pittsburgh planning event; & John Surma/USS @ the Hillman Cancer Center Gala.

Welcome New Members **Regular Members**

Andrew Jackson
DNA Utilities Consulting

Joy Miller
Traci Lynn Fashion Jewelry

Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2012!